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SOURCE [REDACTED]

25X1X 1. Between 12 and 16 January 1951, it was learned [REDACTED] that the Friedrich August Kaserne and the Busche Kaserne in Leisnig (N 52/K 69) quartered a total of about 2,500 men. The troops allegedly belonged to a tank unit, an artillery unit and a motorized infantry unit, each unit being commanded by a colonel. In addition, a so-called penal unit (Bewachungseinheit) was said to be located in the billeting area. The heavy weapons of the units allegedly included 12 tanks, 2 rail-type rocket launchers, and an unknown number of artillery pieces. The commanding officers of the units in Leisnig frequently went to Grimma for conferences. [REDACTED] the units at the post were subordinate to a headquarters in Grimma. On 14 January 1951, twelve soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen practicing with a range finder on the northern edge of the billeting area of the Busche Kaserne. * military band, 12 men strong, was observed marching from the Friedrich-August Kaserne toward officers' billets in the former German Army settlement on the north side of Colditzerstrasse. Officers were no longer billeted in the town. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting areas were [REDACTED]

25X1B 2. On 14 December 1950, the barracks installations in Leisnig seemed to quarter several Soviet units. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Motor vehicles observed were numbered [REDACTED]. **

25X1B [REDACTED] the Friedrich August Kaserne

25X1B on 14 December 1950. All tanks were marked with the following symbol:

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The 64th Gds Hvy Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Army was last confirmed on 25 November 1950 as being quartered in the Busche Kaserne on the north side of Colditzerstrasse and in the Friedrich August Kaserne on the south side of the same street. [REDACTED] The present report indicated that an artillery component of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is also stationed in the installations. When going to Grimma, the commanding officers of the units in Leisnig undoubtedly reported to the Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div there.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. Most of the motor vehicle numbers reported by the two sources belonged to the 8th Pds Lecz Div. The [REDACTED] has been observed in Land Saxony only since the fall of 1950. Its assignment has not been determined.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] must have been misidentified because ten tanks with [REDACTED] within their tactical symbol were observed by other sources in Leisnig in November 1950. Tank [REDACTED] was also observed there with [REDACTED] in December 1950.

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